

Debrief - 26/27 Sept HSRCA Wakefield Park

Race program:

- combined Sb/Sc grid of 21 cars (14 Sc, 7 Sb, 2 T and 1 QRA)
- all NSW, except 1 ACT, 1 Vic and 1 Qld
- The committee discussed the circumstances surrounding why 5 Sa cars raced with J,K L
- The committee agreed that the two 'slick shod' cars included in Sc/Sb should not race with Group S; raised with Geoff Morse, HSRCA

Debrief – 3/4 Oct AHMF Winton – Brian Weston

The committee discussed the circumstances surrounding the cancellation of the meeting by the promoter (15 Group S cars entered)

Brian Weston outlined developments between VHRR, Winton Motor Raceway and the GSRA since the cancellation of the AHMF

The GSRA agreed to support the AHMF meeting in August 2010 which will be promoted by the VHRR but raced under AASA rules - the 2010 AHMF meeting to be GSRA pointscore

Update - 31 Oct 1 Nov FoSC Spring Invitation Wakefield Park – Brian Weston

The seven members present discussed the proposed race program circulated for the WP FoSC.

The GSRA committee agreed that although the WP FoSC race program offered 6 races comprising 57 laps, the program did not offer what Group S drivers wanted most – dedicated Group S grids comprising only legitimate fifth category Group S cars.

Although only 22 Group S cars seem to have entered, this should not be seen as lack of support for FoSC – there were 60 Group S cars committed to Sandown the following weekend. The committee felt that as a foundation supporter of FoSC, Group S should still be offered a dedicated Group S grid of around 22 cars - 22 cars being not a small grid.

The committee noted there may have been some misunderstanding about the importance to Group S of dedicated Group S racing. The committee agreed it would rather have 4 dedicated Group S races of around 32 laps total than 6 scrambled grids comprising 57 laps - the 6 race program being too demanding on historic sports cars. As well, the 6 race program was not well suited to supporting the GSRA pointscore.

The GSRA agreed to make an approach to FoSC that the race program be reconsidered and a program of dedicated Group S races be offered – say 4 races of 32 laps total. The first three races would be GSRA pointscore, the last race for those who want more. The only invited car to be included with Group S is Peter McNamara's Group T historic sports car which runs on Group S tyres and rims. The committee agreed that a personal approach to FoSC was warranted.

Brian Duffy who was logistically well placed to meet with FoSC was delegated to present the GSRA request.

Update - 7/8 Nov Sandown – Mike Byrne (email)

Overall - 375 entries despite the conflict with the PI race meeting.
A full grid for Group Sc/Sb - Sa racing with J/K/L.

Update - 28/29 Nov HSRCA Eastern Creek – Geoff Morse (email)

It was pleasing that the HSRCA had agreed the proposal for two Group S grids at Eastern Creek. The GSRA needs 30 Sa/Sb and 30 Sc cars.

The committee agreed that the GSRA should vigorously promote the meeting.

Consideration of GSRA Endorsed Race Meetings for 2010 – Brian Weston

The pointscore sub-committee of Brian Weston, Colin Wilson-Brown and Phil Baskett presented their recommendation as to the proposed 2010 GSRA endorsed race calendar.

The committee discussed the changed circumstances that were becoming evident for 2010 and of the implications for Group S. The noted:

- there was no Oran Park;
- that the cancellation of the 2009 AHMF meeting at the Winton long track had alerted members to the ease with which race meetings can disappear;
- that traditional relationships between circuit owners and promoters were becoming uncertain; and
- that 2009 had seen an increasing tendency by some promoters to 'invite' inappropriate cars into starting grids that were once dedicated 'Group S only' grids.

After discussion, the committee agreed the proposal and rules for 2010 as outlined.

Group S Eligibility Issues

Email report by Bruce Richards

Australian Historic Motor Sport Commission - Group S Portfolio Report

The Group S Portfolio report had been presented to the Australian Historic Motor Sport Commission by Bruce Richards

GSRA Catalina Cup and Goldfields' Cup Update – Phil Baskett via Colin Wilson-Brown

2009 pointscore spreadsheets updated on website - a vote of thanks to Geoff Williams, Phil Basket and Colin Wilson-Brown was agreed

S_CAR_GO – Kent Brown

Edition 5 published – little support from photographers; a vote of thanks to Kent Brown was agreed

The committee noted that the GSRA may need to purchase race photographs to ensure an attractive S_CAR_GO format. Kent Brown was requested to investigate

GSRA Promotion and Regalia – Brian Weston

GSRA Caps (\$10)	100 bought	65 sold - 35 left
GSRA Tee Shirts (\$15)	100 bought	37 sold - 63 left
GSRA Polo Shirts (\$25)	40 bought	33 sold - 7 left

GSRA End of Season NSW Function – Terry Lawlor

The Epping Club had been booked for Saturday 30 January for eoy 2009 Catalina trophy presentation function.

The funding basis was essentially to be self funding, although a contingent GSRA subsidy of \$300 was agreed - along the same lines as that for eoy 2008. The payment of a \$500 deposit was agreed.

Terry Lawlor and Brian Duffy were appointed as sub-committee for the Epping function; a third person is requested to join the team.

The committee discussed the evening format and trophy requirements; and awaited recommendations about the evening from the Epping sub-committee.

GSRA AGM Requirements – Brian Weston

The constitution requires an AGM within six months of the expiration of the GSRA financial year.

In previous years it has been the aim to hold the meeting by email before Christmas so as to have an effective GSRA administrative team in place at the start of the racing year.

The meeting requires a call of 14 days notice.

The constitution requires an agenda to confirm minutes; to receive reports; to elect office bearers and committee persons; and to approve a statement iaw section 26 (6) of the Act.

The GSRA president is drafting a report; the treasurer shall “close books” with effect 31 October and shall prepare the annual treasurer’s report.

The GSRA needs to seek nominations for four office bearers and two committee persons forthwith.

GSRA Office Bearer and Committee Nominations – Brian Weston

The GSRA Constitution clause 20 (7) declares that a person who has served more than five consecutive years on the committee (as an office bearer or committee person) is ineligible for election.

Paul Newby and Andre Breit have now served four consecutive years on the committee, and replacement nominations for Treasurer and Secretary have been sought and found.

Other Business

The committee discussed the possibility of a Goldfields’ Cup presentation function and of the utility of the annual PI function marquee function. The committee awaited any proposals on these matters.

Webmaster email report noted - vote of thanks to Geoff Williams

Close

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm – vote of thanks to David Withers and Travelplan

Brian Weston
President

Paul Newby
Secretary